Special Event Grant Program (SEGP) Recipients

The purpose of the Special Events Grant Program (SEGP) is to create and sustain economic development through the creation or enhancement of a new annual on-going event. Grants are awarded based on a 3-tier approach that ranks Montana counties on the basis of lowest per capita income, slowest population growth and highest unemployment. The grants are designed to be matching funds for non-profit organizations involved in developing new annual events or enhancing existing events or festivals.

2002 Total Grant Awards - \$100,000

Malta: *Mustang Stampede* - \$6,240 Sponsor: City of Malta

Fort Belknap: *Arts & Crafts Fair and Cultural Food Festival* - \$11,320 Sponsor: Fort Belknap College

Pablo: 360 Spring Car Mid-Season National Championship - \$21,515 Sponsor: Lake County Community Development Corporation

Livingston: *Sustainability Fair* - \$17,300 Sponsor: Corp for the Northern Rockies

Livingston: *Take Two - 2002 Film Weekend -* \$11,575 Showcase Writer Guild

Deerlodge: *Big Sky Draft Horse Expo* - \$5,700 Sponsor: Big Sky Draft Horse Expo

Havre: *3-on-3 Nothing But Net Street-Ball Tournament* - \$2,500 Sponsor: Haver Chamber of Commerce

Hamilton: *The Countess' Trail Ride* - \$3,100

Sponsor: The Daly Mansion Preservation Trust

Bozeman: *Montana - Big Sky Soap Box Derby -* \$6,400 Sponsor: Alcohol and Drug Services of Gallatin County

Billings: *Will James' Birthday Celebration* - \$5,000 Sponsor: Yellowstone Art Museum

Big Timber: Sweet Grass Fest - \$4,750

Sponsor: Sweet Grass Chamber of Commerce

Hot Springs, Plains, Missoula and Whitefish: *Bitterroot Summer Music Festival* - \$4,600 Sponsor: Hot Springs Artists Society

2003 Total Grant Awards - \$51,000

Malta: Mustang Stampede - \$4,000

Sponsor: City of Malta

Malta: Milk River Gospel Jamboree - \$2,500

Sponsor: Milk River Gospel Jamboree

Lewistown: MT Winter Fair - \$7,500

Sponsor: Fergus County/Fergus County Fair Board

Butte: *An Ri Ra* - \$14,850

Sponsor: Montana Gaelic Society

Plentywood: Prairie Fest - \$4,900

Sponsor: Sheridan Development Corporation

Choteau: Grizzly Marathon - \$2,500

Sponsor: City of Choteau

West Yellowstone: Yellowstone Festival of the Arts - \$10,750

Sponsor: Yellowstone Center for the Arts

Fort Benton: Fur Trade Symposium - Opening of the Fur Trade - \$4,000

Sponsor: Fur Trade Symposium

2004 Total Grant Awards - \$50,000

Malta: *Dino Days* - \$2,500

Sponsor: Malta Chamber of Commerce/PhillCo Economic Growth Council

Sidney: Wings of Freedom Air Show - \$10,500

Sponsor: Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

Butte: An Ri Ra - \$17,125

Sponsor: Montana Gaelic Society

Lewistown: *Montana Winter Fair -* \$7,000

Sponsor: Fergus County/Fergus County Fair Board

Billings: High Plains BookFest - \$5,000

Sponsor: Billings Cultural Partners

Whitefish: *Polar Bear Express* - \$5,000

Sponsor: Whitefish Chamber of Commerce

Dillon: *3rd Annual Lewis & Clark Festival* - \$2,875 Sponsor: Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce

2005 Total Grant Awards - \$50,000

Philipsburg: *Art & Jazz on Broadway* - \$6,500 Sponsor: Flint Creek Valley Arts Council

Roundup: 4th of July Festival - \$6,900

Sponsor: Musselshell Valley Community Foundation

Eureka: Eureka Quilt Show - \$6,100

Sponsor: Eureka Montana Quilt Show

Livingston: Park County Studio Tour - \$2,500

Sponsor: Alliance Development Corporation

Glendive: *Music in Makoshika* - \$2,500 Sponsor: Friends of Makoshika

Miles City: *Clark on the Lower Yellowstone* - \$6,000 Sponsor: Miles City Chamber of Commerce

West Yellowstone: Snow Blast - \$10,000

Sponsor: West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

Missoula: *Garden City River Rod Run* - \$7,000 Sponsor: Missoula Downtown Association

Chester: HiLine Crazy Daze - \$2,500

Sponsor: Liberty Village Arts Center